

Topic:

This half term our topic is called '**Winter Wonderland**' and we are currently learning about the season of winter. We will use all of our senses to explore ice and find out about the kinds of animals that might live in these cold environments. The children will experience lots of opportunities to be creative by making 'frosty' pictures and snowflakes to name but two!

We will also celebrate Chinese New Year towards the end of the half term, learning about the story of how each new year is named after an animal and make Chinese dragons and lanterns. The children will also have the opportunity to taste Chinese food in our 'Nursery Chinese Banquet.' "**Gong Hey Fat Choy...Happy New Year!**"

Staff: Miss Cockerham got married over the Christmas holidays and is now Mrs Sidebottom...it is taking a little time for everyone to get used to her new name!

Miss Holderness will soon be going on maternity leave, she is due to have her baby in February and we promise to keep you updated on how both her and the baby are.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Mitchell and Mrs Rani to the nursery team. Miss Mitchell will be a 1:1 teaching assistant and Mrs Rani will become a key worker. Both the adults and children are helping to make our new staff members feel very welcome.

Dates for you Diary:

- Play and stay - an opportunity for you to spend time in the setting with your child and take part in a variety of creative activities: **Wednesday 7th February 9:00-10:00AM and 12:00-1:00PM**
- Nursery closes for half term: **Friday 9th February**

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Goldilocks and the Three Bears:

This half term our nursery text will be Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will read the story regularly, adding actions to help the children retell the story. In addition, lots of our activities and role play area will be directly linked to the book. Please take the time to ask your child about what happens in the story or ask about the characters to promote a greater understanding. Thank you for your continued support.

Key Skills:

We are practising these key skills in nursery this term:

- To recognise our first name
- To hold a pencil with the correct grip
- To put on our own coat
- To recite numbers in order to 5 and then 10

In phonics this half term we are practising listening for words that rhyme as this helps develop an awareness of rhythm and rhyme in speech. We would appreciate it if you could practise this with your child at home. This could include repeating nursery rhymes and making up rhymes of your own with your child. For children learning English as an additional language rhyme helps them tune into the rhythm of English.

Clothing:

It is extremely cold outside at the moment so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for nursery and that he/she has a waterproof winter coat with them. We also ask that you consider sending your child with a hat, scarf and gloves as we do learn outside in all weathers. Please make sure all items are labelled.